

Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps

Monthly Report November 2011

DCVMRC Accomplishments:

- DCVMRC exhibited at the American Association of Respiratory Care Conference, Tampa, FL
- Annual DCVMRC regional conferences were held in Regions I & II (Avon, CT), Region III (Washington DC),
 Region V & VII (St Louis, MO) and Region VIII (Denver).
- DCVMRC presented at the International Association of Emergency Managers, Las Vegas, NV.

MRC Unit Activities

In November MRC units reported 475 activities, including: 52 emergency response, 60 community preparedness, 91 public health, 104 administrative, and 158 training. Highlights follow:

- Numerous MRC units took part in seasonal flu clinics.
- Several MRC units took part in local response to pertussis and TB outbreaks.
- Volunteers from three units assisted at shelters following the snowstorms in the Northeast.
- Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa MRC assisted with health screenings at a women's health fair targeting Latinos--volunteers assisted with breast cancer screenings and processing paperwork.
- Yavapai County MRC, Cottonwood, AZ participated in Vigilant Guard, a statewide exercise with a nuclear blast scenario.
- NYC MRC assisted with first aid and triage in the medical tents of the New York City Marathon.
- Arlington County, VA MRC helped distribute World AIDS Day materials (condoms, coasters with STI clinic testing info, a poster depicting the 1,357 Arlington residents living with HIV/AIDS and the 888 who have died from HIV/AIDS) to select restaurants and bars in the community.
- Ashland Boyd County Catlettsburg MRC, KY visited five of the volunteer fire departments in Boyd County to provide blood pressure screenings and education to the firefighters.
- Thurston County MRC, WA responded to the Occupy Olympia encampment to address public health concerns for the people living in the encampment.
- Southwest Virginia MRC supported Frontier Health with a Drug Take-Back event in five locations.
- Kent County, MI MRC assisted with applying mock injuries for the Kent County Jail Disaster Exercise, as well as evaluating their medical staff's response to the injuries.
- Mid Ohio Valley MRC, Parkersburg, WV took part in a National Weather Spotter Class from the state of WV level to learn the basic of noticing and reporting the potential of severe weather.
- Peninsula MRC, Newport News, VA conducted blood pressure screenings and provided health information at a center where the homeless can get local support.
- Lawrence County MRC, KY received a donation of a FEMA trailer that will be used for their unit's mobile emergency pet shelter.
- Central Florida MRC, Orlando supported State Medical Response Team 5 (SMRT 5) to provide a unified medical first aid response to over 90,000 visitors during the Cocoa Beach Air Show 3 day event.

MRC Unit Status: 968 MRCs in 50 states, Washington DC, Puerto Rico, Palau, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and 203, 677 volunteers (reported by MRC units as part of their profiles on the website).

Outlook

• DCVMRC will begin shooting for 'The Journal' video in Falls River, MA in early December.